

## **Minutes of the Annual Harringworth Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on November 11<sup>th</sup> 2021 in the Village Hall.**

Present:

Cllr A White (Chairman); Cllr S McLean (Deputy Chairman); Cllr K Dove; Cllr M Wright (Finance); Cllr F Walsh; Cllr S Milton; J Patterson-Gordon (Clerk)

### **1304. Apologies for absence.**

Cllr L. Boon sent her apologies.

### **1305. Open Session for Parishioners.**

No parishioners attended.

### **1306. To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Cllrs on matters to be considered at the meeting.**

Cllrs S. Milton, S. McLean & F. Walsh stated that they had an interest regarding the discussion from the Gardening Group as they are members of that Group.

### **1307. To consider any dispensation requests and to grant such dispensations as the Chairman may consider necessary.**

The Chairman granted dispensation for Cllrs S Milton, S McLean and F Walsh to contribute to the discussion regarding the Gardening Group proposal.

### **1308. To resolve that's the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021 be signed as an accurate record.**

The minutes were reviewed without comment and signed by the Chairman.

### **1309. Matters arising.**

- a. Highways:** Rutland Council have cut their part of the verge on the Seaton Road under the viaduct. Mr. & Mrs. Mulheron have agreed that they will contribute 50% of the cost of cutting the hedge in their field and Cllr Dove will progress this work with the contractor.
- b. Speeding Issues:** Nothing further has been heard from Sarah Barnwell at NNC regarding the issue of controlling the speed of motorists and cyclists coming down Laxton hill. Clerk to chase up.
- c. Village Playground:** Ongoing.

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**1310. Policing Matters:** Nothing to report

**1311. Routine Financial Matters.**

**a. Review of payments received:**

- i. Burial Plot Fees £840
- ii. Memorial Inscription Fees £50

**b. The following pre-approved payments were noted:**

- i. Haven Power (now Drax Energy) £20.34
- ii. PWL Loan Repayment £299.96
- iii. Audit Fee Mr B. Waterman £50
- iv. Village Hall Fee £75
- v. Clerk's salary £72 (HM)/£176 (JPG)
- vi. HMRC £62
- vii. Leicestershire Gardens £525

**c. The following payments were approved:**

- i. Burial Ground Gate Maintenance £111.32
- ii. Cable Ties for Street Light Poppies £19.26

**d. Approval of Reconciliation Sheet:** The reconciliation sheet was approved by the Councillors and signed by Cllr Wright (Finance)

**e. Items for January Meeting:** It was agreed that the Cllr responsible for finance would produce a forward plan of expenditure to enable the precept for 2022/3 to be set at the January meeting.

**1312. Remembrance Items:**

The Councillors expressed unanimous approval of the large poppies on the lampposts throughout Haringworth & Shotley. It was agreed that 6 more would be purchased for next year. It was too late to purchase any other remembrance items for this year but was agreed that a Tommy figure, at a cost of £175 would be purchased in time for next year. Its location was yet to be decided and it would be removed and stored once the November period of remembrance was over. The Councillors felt that, whilst a remembrance bench was a good idea, we already had a few benches in the village that were not very well cared for.

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### **1313. Northamptonshire Village Awards 2022:**

The Councillors discussed the issue of whether we should submit an entry for the above awards. It was decided that no submission would be made

### **1314. Village Appearance:**

- a. A number of issues regarding the general appearance of the village were discussed. These included the piece of land beside the entrance to the stables where 2 oak trees are struggling to survive. Also, the deterioration of the wall along the edge of the horse field which was causing some concern regarding safety.
- b. The Harringworth Gardening Group very kindly submitted some ideas for planters to be located in the village which would be tended by the Group. Whilst the Councillors very much welcomed these proposals and thanked the Group for the work they had done, they felt that some other issues needed to be resolved before a decision could be made as to the type of planters purchased and where they would best be located. Cllr Dove and Cllr Walsh agreed to meet up and walk the village to look at some of these issues of village appearance and to report back at the next meeting. This would include investigating the cost of refurbishing the existing benches in the village.

### **1315. HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee**

- a. In 2022, HM the Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, which marks 70 years of service since 1952. Throughout the year there are plans for members of the Royal Family to travel around the country undertaking a variety of engagements culminating in the extended bank holiday weekend in June (from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>).
- b. The Councillors discussed various options to commemorate this historic occasion and decided that possible options were to place one, or more, of the following; a memorial bench, memorial tree and commemorative stone. It was also discussed as to whether a permanent flagpole in the village might be a fitting addition to be placed beside any commemoration items. However, it was agreed that a suitable location for such memorabilia must be found before the matter was taken any further forward.
- c. With regard to a village event over the extended Bank Holiday weekend, it was agreed that the Chairman should reach out to other committees within the village (PCC, Appeals & Village Hall) so that a concerted approach could be taken to these celebrations.

### **1316. Burial Ground Path**

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A quote of £850 had been received from Larkfield Gardening for the repair of the churchyard path leading to the burial ground. The work was to: remove the old edging and replace from the Church door eastwards, to create a new path into the new burial ground carrying on from the existing path 5m x1m the create a T with the path going either side by 2m weed kill area lay membrane and then lay gravel on new path and existing path A vote was taken and it was agreed to accept this quote.

#### **1317. Wakerley Quarry**

A recent NNC planning meeting approved the loading of quarry trucks from 6 am. The village had been advised of a blasting this week with less than half a day's notice which was considered entirely unacceptable. Mrs A. de Capell Brooke was now heading up the Group which coordinated contact between the villages, the Council and the contractors, but unfortunately, she would soon be leaving her post as a County Councillor which would prompt a by-election.

#### **1318. Planning**

There were no planning matters to discuss.

#### **1319. Correspondence**

- a. Correspondence had been received from Col. C. Hendy who had suggested the idea of purchasing a Tommy figure for the village. Cllr. A. White had responded to this.
- b. Mrs S. Bell of Netherfield Farm had written to the Clerk to express her serious concerns about the lack of adequate signage alerting truck drivers to the Low Bridge on the Gretton road going out of the village. The Clerk will make contact with Northamptonshire Highways to raise this concern as a matter of urgency.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm

**1320. Date of next meeting:** January 13<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7.30pm

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